**Suburban railway projects in Maharashtra**

2966. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sub urban railway projects proposed by the Government of Maharashtra in the second Bombay Urban Transport Project has been pending for long because of indecision on certain issues relating to the projects;

(b). if so, what are the anresolved issues between the Central Govern ment and the State Government of Maharashtra;

(c) whether it is a fact that World Baric has expressed its unwillingness to grant loan for the project till these issues are settled; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated by the Central Government in the wider interest of the overall economic development of Maharashtra?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) For the original project, costing Rs. 1526.57 crores (Phase-I), Planning Commission is yet to ap prove 50 per cent cost of Railways' share, outside Railway's Plan outlay, as proposed.

(ii) The proposed extension of the project from Rs. 152657 to Rs. 2074. 50 crores, would he considered after implementation of Phase-I and stab-lisation of the traffic pattern.

(c) and (d) The project is under correspondence and yet to be finalis ed,

**Facilities to decorated soldiers**

2967. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are processing to give the fact lities to highly distinguished defence personnel wnch are given to freedom fighters and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the rea sons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to financial constraints, it is difficult to enlarge the scope of free rail travel.

**Stoppage of Purushottam Express at Bokaro**

2968. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration re garding the stoppage of both up and down Punushottam Express at Bokaro Steel City Railway Station;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to industrial belt there is always a rush for reservation in all trains and in all classes, which presently is very less in number to fulfil the de mand;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to raise the reservation quota from Bokaro in all trains especially linking capitals metros and important places;

(d) if so what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 2801|2802 Purushottam Express does not run via Bokaro Steel City.

(b) to (d) The reservation quotas available at Bokaro are generally adequate except in Delhi bound trains where the demand in sleeper class is slightly more than the quota and therefore a fresh quota of 5 sleeper class berths by 2801 Purushottam Express w.e.f. 22.3.1994 and an addi tional quota of one sleeper class berth by 2815 Puri-New Delhi Ex pless w.e.f. 8.4.94 is being allotted at this station ex. Gomoh.

(d) Does not arise.

**Linking of Purulia Railway Station with Bokaro via Eotshila route**

2969. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Purulia Railway Station has besn linked with Bokaro via Kotshila route which is the shortest route in comparison to the existing one;

(b) whether the railways have any proposal to route Purushottam Express through Purulia to Gomoh via Kotshila for Bokaro;

(c) if so, what are details therefor; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Operational constraints.

**Metro Rail Project Calcutta**

2970. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of on going of Motro Rail, Calcutta;

(b) whether lack of finance, has delayed the total Project;

(c) whether connection between Esplanade to Dum Dum is being delayed; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Out of 16.45 km length, two sections viz., Dum Dum to Belgacbia (2.22 km) and Esplanade to Tollygunj (7.57 km), totalling to 9.79 km have been completed and commissioned for traffic by 1986.

(b) to (d) Lack of funds and nonavailability of land had delayed the project in the initial stages. However, allocation of funds has been increased considerably in the later years. Dum Dum to Belgachia has already been completed while the rest of the section upto Esplanade will be completed by 1995. There are still six plots of land yet to be made available by the State Government of West Bengal for the Project.

**Development in the fuel efficiency kit for diesel locomotives**

2971. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fuel efficiency kit for diesel locomotives has been indigenously developed in the country;

(b) if so, what is the extent of saving in fuel consumption achieved with the use of this kit; and

(c) what is the likely annual saving of fuel with the introduction of the device?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes. Sir.